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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroyuki MITSU et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 10/715,436

Examiner: J. CHAN

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Docket No.: 117805

For: OPTICAL PULSE TIMING DETECTION APPARATUS, OPTICAL PULSE TIMING DETECTION METHOD, OPTICAL PULSE TIMING ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL PULSE TIMING ADJUSTMENT METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 21, 2006 Office Action, and the December 14, 2006 Personal Interview with Examiner Payne, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Payne at the interview held December 14, 2006, are greatly appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants also greatly appreciate that the Office Action indicates that claims 19-25 are allowed and claims 2-15 and 17-18 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons described below, Applicants respectfully assert that all claims 1-25 contain allowable subject matter.